



**ARIZONA READY EDUCATION COUNCIL
GRADUATION RATE TASKFORCE**

February 19, 2013 @ 3:00 p.m.

**Executive Tower
1700 W. Washington
3rd Floor Conference Room
Phoenix, AZ 85007**

AGENDA

The Arizona Ready Education Council (Council) Graduation Rate Taskforce will discuss and may take action on the following matters. Members will attend either in person or by telephone conference call. Public comment will be taken. The public will be allotted three minutes each to address the Taskforce during the Call to the Public section of the agenda.

Vision: By 2020, Arizona will be home to the best students and the best schools in the nation.

Mission: To monitor progress towards Arizona's rigorous education goals and determine if reform strategies are improving student learning, and to ensure the fidelity of implementation of Arizona Ready.

Goals:

- Increase the percentage of third graders meeting state reading standards to 94% in 2020 from 70% in 2010;
- Increase the percentage of eighth graders achieving at or above basic on the National Assessment of Education Programs (NAEP) to 85% in 2020 from 67% in math and 68% in reading in 2010;
- **Raise the high school graduation rate to 93% in 2020 from 73% in 2010;** and
- Double the number of students receiving baccalaureate degrees to 36,000 per year.

1. Call to Order, Welcome, & Introductions

Merl Waschler

Meeting Objectives:

- Research Project Update
- In-Depth Discussion of Taskforce Recommendation 2
- Revised White Paper for Taskforce Recommendation 1

ACTION: Move to approve minutes from previous meeting.

Following opening remarks, introduce the purpose of this meeting, which is to discuss one of the taskforce's recommendations in-depth.

ACTION: Move to approve minutes from previous meeting.

3:00 – 3:10pm

2. Update: Graduation Rate Research Project

Kerry McConnell

- Proposed Schools and Rationale
- Proposed Teams and Rationale

3:10 – 3:40pm

Dale Frost will need to leave after this presentation.

3. Discussion: Support ECAPS

Rebecca Gau

- Maxine Daly (ADE) and Tim Valencia (City of Phoenix) will be available during the discussion

3:40 – 4:40pm

4. Council Comments

Council Members

- Next Steps
- 2013 Taskforce Meeting Schedule
 - March 19
 - April 16
 - May 21
 - June 19
 - July 16
 - August 20
 - September 17

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4:40 – 4:50pm

5. Call to the Public

Council Members

Please note that public comments not specific to agenda items cannot be addressed by the Taskforce. Public members wishing to address the Taskforce are limited to 3 minutes.

4:50 – 5:00pm

6. Adjourn

Merl Waschler

ACTION: Move to adjourn.

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5:00pm

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